

FISCAL NOTE

HB 780 - SB 1948

February 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a court to grant pain and suffering, alienation of affection, or punitive damages from the marital property to a spouse who can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the other spouse committed adultery, abandoned the spouse, or physically abused the spouse within the previous year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Increase in court time necessary to conduct hearings concerning division of property and damages.
- Caseload for trial courts would be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

James W. White, Executive Director